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Dear Members of the San Jose General Plan Task Force,
Silicon Valley has one of the most unaffordable housing, commercial and industrial rental markets for both residents and small local businesses in the national.

There are very few viable agriculture businesses at Coyote Valley because of lack of surface water, small size of parcels and vicinity to residents. Most of the lands at Coyote Valley become barren and create big fire hazards because of dry weeds and lack of attention.

Now the city of San Jose has purchased 937 Acre at North Coyote Valley to be reserved as open space. 35,000 new jobs will need to be allocated to other parts of San Jose. The wildlife corridor near 101 will be permanently protected. It is time to consider making a balance to protect human lives. Thousands of people in San Jose are homeless. Many low and medium income families are having hard time to afford a room in this area. Many small business owners can not afford to rent a small office or safe yard space to store service equipment or vehicles.

But those who care most about the environment, wild life, and climate change should call for a comprehensive approach to housing and small business land use in San Jose, Santa Clara County, and the Bay area before removal of the Urban Reserve designation in Coyote Valley is considered.

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